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Dear Mr. Garrison

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Your letter of the 2<sup>o</sup> came duly to hand, in regard to the manufacture of Flax Cotton may say that I am entirely unacquainted with the mode of preparing it, but have always supposed that the chemical process destroy'd the texture of the Flax, so that it would not be as durable as the Cotton, when this subject was agitated a few years since, I think it was former that the Cotton & Flax could not be worked together to answer any good purpose, but this is an age of progress, and I can but hope your friend has discovered the proper mode of combining the two - It has been my intention to be in Boston on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month & good, yet I find it more difficult to leave home in cold weather than formerly, If I do get to Boston I shall certainly see you. My best wishes for your health & happiness

Very truly

John Robeson



